(b) if so, the rationale therefor; and

(c) whether such a situation would continue?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (DR. M. VEERAPPA MOILY): (a) to (c) Leave Travel Concession for judges is regulated by the rules framed under the acts namely, "The Supreme Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Act, 1958" and "The High Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Act 1954." As per provision under Rule 6-A of the Supreme Court Judges (Travelling Allowance) Rules, 1959, Judges of the Supreme Court are entitled to leave travel concession thrice a year and in terms of provision under Rule 7-A of the High Court Judges (Travelling Allowance) Rules, 1956 Judges of High Courts are entitled to leave travel concession twice a year. Both the High Court and the Supreme Court Judges were availing the Leave Travel Concession twice a year after 1986 but in 1990 the rules were changed after which Supreme Court Judges are entitled to three LTCs a year.

Bill to resurrect image of judiciary

1131. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is proposing to introduce a Bill to resurrect image of judiciary;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the legislation would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (DR. M. VEERAPPA MOILY): (a) to (c) The Government is considering to bring in a fresh legislation on the subject of judicial standards and accountability of Judges. The details of the proposed legislation are being worked out.

Setting up of additional High Court Benches

1132. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there is a huge pendency of cases in High Courts;

(b) whether Government is thinking to establish High Court Benches in addition to the existing ones in view of the fact that the writs are on the increase;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (DR. M. VEERAPPA MOILY): (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) to (d) Setting up of a Bench of a High Court, is considered only if a complete proposal in terms of section 51(2) of the States Reorganisation Act, 1956 is received from the State